GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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SCAM IN DISTRIBUTION OF LOAN UNDER PMRY
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation officials have collected certain documents in Nagpur for major scam in the distribution of loans under the Prime Minister`s Rojgar Yojana (PMRY);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the Government of Maharashtra, the Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested one alleged middleman accepting money from one of the 25 applicants whose names were recommended for sanctioning of loans under the Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana by the District Industries Centre, Nagpur to Punjab National Bank, Kingsway Branch, Nagpur.

(c): The matter is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation and depending upon the final report, action shall be initiated. However, under the guidelines of the Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana, applicants can also directly approach the banks for obtaining loan. These guidelines have been circulated to all the State Governments. The Government of Maharashtra have reported that they have taken steps to improve transparency and provide safeguards under the Scheme.